



## **Teacher's Guide**

### **The Earth Wakes Up**

**Moko**

**Grade Levels:**

K-5

**Subject Areas:**

Reading

Writing/Composition

Media Literacy/Critical Thinking

Earth Sciences

**Synopsis:**

One day, the whole village begins to tremble. Moko and Mei-Lei go to the beach, where the fisherman seems unconcerned about the tremors. Moko and Mei-Lei are still afraid so Mei-Lei begins to sing to try to calm the earth back down. The earth goes back to sleep and the earthquake stops.

**Learning Objectives:** Students will:

- Enjoy the origin story presented in this program.
- Understand what an earthquake is and what causes them.
- Evaluate Moko's reasoning and conclusions.

**Vocabulary:**

Earthquake, tectonic plates, fault, epicenter, Richter scale, seismic

**Pre-Viewing Discussion:**

Have you ever been in an earthquake? What was that like?

What do you think the earth is made of?

**Post-Viewing Discussion:**

Why was the fisherman not scared when Moko and Mei-Lei were so frightened?

What causes an earthquake?

**Further Activities:**

Look into recent earthquakes of varying strength and report on the damage they can cause.